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TEXT FALK INTERVIEW IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE OH, EXCUSE ME. DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE. ALO. I'M LT. COLOMBO...SOMETIMES I'M KNOWN ASSPETER FALK. WHEN AN ACTOR PORTRAYS A ROLE, HE HOPES HE'S CREATING A CHARACTER THAT THE AUDIENCE CAN IDENTIFY WITH AND FROM WHAT WE'V HEARD HERE IN HOLLYWOOD ABOUT ROMANIA'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE COLOMBO SHOW, I GUESS WE MUST HAVE BEEN DOING SOMETHING RIGHT. SERIOUSLY, I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH EVERYONE CONNECTED WITH THE COLOMBO SHOW FEELS ABOUT RECEIVING SUCH HEARTWARMING NEWS. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ROMANIAN TELEVISION FOR HAVING PUT US ON THE AIR ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS. BUT MOST OF ALL, ALL OF US, MYSELF AND THE CREW AND THE OTHER ACTORS, WE WANT TO THANK THE ROMANIAN PEOPLE FOR THEIR GREAT RESPONSE TO OUR SHOW. I HOPE SOMEDAY I CAN COME TO YOUR COUNTRY AND ENJOY THE TRADITIONAL CULTURE AND HOSITALITY OF THE ROMANIAN PEOPLE. IN THE MEANTIME, COLOMBO WILL BE SEEING YOU AGAIN ON TELEVISION THIS FALL. UNTIL THEN, ONCE AGAIN, MY THANKS AND MY BEST TO EVERYBODY. UNQUOTE. PAREN FALK GETS UP AND WALKS AWAY. STOPS. TURNS BACK TO CAMERA AND SAYS END PAREN. QUOTE OH, NOROC SI LA REVEDERE. UNQUOTE

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FLT 238 LEAVING 5:20 P.M. ETA BUCHAREST 8:30 P.M. MAY 14.
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